

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, I don't think that is the way it is. I believe that the standards apply to those vehicles that as they are constructed, but you need not go back and redo the existing structure. My 1968 convertible doesn't have to be rebuilt. I am afraid I would have to put air bags in though if we didn't adopt this bill.

SENATOR VICKERS: Does the amendment not say that every vehicle designated as '64 or later shall be equipped with seat belts of the type meeting the standards of 209 in effect on the effective date of this act?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right but I believe...

SENATOR VICKERS: Couldn't that be construed to mean that a change might take place then?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think that, Senator Vickers, you are reading it different than I do. My interpretation of those standards are that the existing equipment rated satisfactory does not need to be brought up to date. Now I could be incorrect but I don't think (interruption)...

SENATOR VICKERS: Now that is in the federal standards, is that what you are saying?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right, yes.

SENATOR VICKERS: But it is not in the law that we have got here. It doesn't say that in the amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: We are saying that the standards that they have to adopt to are those of the federal standards.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you, Senator Schmit. I would just remind the body that I don't read it exactly the same as Senator Schmit is reading it. I think what it says is that if you have got a vehicle newer than 1964 with seat belts in it and those seat belts may have been installed in that vehicle prior to whatever the standards are on the effective date of this act, which we don't even know what it is going to be necessarily, the feds could change that standard between now and then, then those seat belts may not meet the standard that was there under the provisions of this act. We are, in my opinion, creating a situation whereby a lot of folks through no fault of their own could